

# Oakenwald Parent Advisory Council (OPAC)

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7:00 pm

Location: MS Teams virtual meeting

In attendance: Busola Ajibola, Cassandra Acland, Taiwo Browne, Kei Chan, Andrew Isaacs, Nirvik Kapoor, Kathryn Labiuk, Pauline Lauder, Barry McKay, Suzanne Millar, Amanda Robinson, Larena Dzik, Tanis Thiessen, Ray Wiggins

1. **Call to order** -- Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
2. **Welcome/introductions** -- Suzanne welcomed everyone and introductions took place.
3. **Financial report** -- Barry presented -- \$7536.51 is current balance. The proceeds (\$1575.00) from the Peak of the Market fundraiser have been deposited.
4. **Adoption of meeting agenda and November minutes** -- Andrew made a motion to adopt the agenda and to approve the November minutes, Suzanne seconded. No changes were requested by attendees to the agenda. Past minutes will be posted on the school website by Tanis going forward.
5. **Principal's report** -- Tanis presented.
  - a. Enrolment is currently 180 students.
  - b. Staffing Updates – Grade 3/4 Ms. Qui's term ending with Ms. Jones' return from maternity leave in February, Mr. Belog will begin a paternity leave February 28 until the end of the school year and the hiring process for this term position is underway.
  - c. February Activities Update --
    - Activities are being planned for February's I Love To Read Month.
    - Virtual Tri-Conferences via Teams and telephone will take place February 3 (evening) and February 4 (morning).
    - Student COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic will take place at school on February 7. Tanis discussed the procedure that Public Health will follow for the clinic and the email communication that was sent out.
    - Kindergarten Info and Registration 2022 virtual event will take place February 9 at 6:00pm.
  - d. Roof Update -- A tendering process has begun to redo the remaining sections of the school roof requiring attention, to be completed over summer.
  - e. Orange Level Restrictions Update --
    - Orange Level Restrictions are being followed. Discussed the differences between the current Orange restrictions and last year's version of Orange.
    - The province announced that schools will not distribute notification letters and will no longer perform contact tracing in the same manner.

- An attendance report for the province is being developed by Pembina Trails School Division to identify anomalies in schools.
  - Discussed mask requirements. Tanis clarified that 3 layers are required for fabric masks.
  - Discussed the student attendance guidelines provided in an email by Pembina Trails School Division. For additional information, refer to the Public Health Covid-19 screening tool:  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
  - Discussed the rapid test kits that were made available to students.
6. **Lunch Program Update** -- Tanis presented. Reviewed the current finances for the lunch program. Discussed the possibility of a deficit again this year and possible mitigation strategies. Andrew thanked Tanis for her work on the lunch program. Will discuss lunch program rates at the February meeting.
  7. **Teacher representative** -- Ms. Dzik discussed how well her class has adjusted to a new class space in the gym and the success of their remote learning week.
  8. **Future Hot Lunch Fundraisers** -- Suzanne presented. No hot lunch fundraisers are being planned at this time due to current restrictions.
  9. **Fundraising** -- Cassandra will gather ideas to discuss at the February meeting.
  10. **Other Business** -- none was identified.
  11. **Short Roundtable Discussion** -- OPAC will consider ideas for improving outdoor classroom space.
  12. **Future meeting** -- Next meeting will be virtual, Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 pm
  13. **Adjournment** -- Suzanne made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM.